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rain) and no theoretical interest in them, as far as I could ascertain. A few people are afraid of thunder, because they think the cloud may fall down on them, but many others are unafraid. The rainbow is noted, but there is no explanation for it.

The theory of birth has been given in another context, and it is only necessary to briefly recapitulate here. It is known that pregnancy follows intercourse, and it is thought that the embryo is formed from the blood, and the cessation of the menses is recognized as the beginning of pregnancy. Death, unless it has some obvious cause, such as falling from a tree or drowning, or unless it happens in old age, is thought to be due to black magic, or more literally "poisonous" magic.

For digestion there is a native word, *jäsikoramin*, which might be literally translated "food finishes going down." It is thought that the food remains in the stomach for a day and then comes out as faeces. Although it is known that food is necessary for strength, there is no notion of the interaction of food and blood. Terms "hot" and "cold" are used to describe the conditions of the stomach, and bananas and pawpaws are thought to make the stomach cold, while taro makes it hot.

MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE

Illness may be due to magic or more natural causes, and medical practice consists mostly of the use of certain leaves and roots and magic. Magical medical practice is considered under the heading of Magic. Here only the medical art which has no magic is described. The knowledge of medical practice is fairly widespread. Many people know remedies for one or two ills, but there are a few men and women who are specially skilled in native medicine and know more than the others. A native "doctor" is paid for his services, provided his patient gets better.